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**19th January 2024**

**PARKING**

As you may have seen on Class Dojo last night we have received the following message from Plus Dane Housing.

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*Good Morning*

*I am contacting you regarding complaints that Plus Dane Housing are receiving which revolve around parents parking in the area when picking up their children from school. This is causing access issues for some of our most vulnerable residents.*

***When approached, the parents are often very rude and non-compliant. Yesterday cars were parked and refused to move when an ambulance was called to a property delaying paramedics in gaining access to the property.***

*Could I ask that information is circulated to parents with regards parking in The Westland’s.*

*Many Thanks*

Tenancy Management Officer

We are sure that you will agree that the behaviour mentioned in the second paragraph is

totally unacceptable.

A group of people playing in the snow

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**SNOW HAPPY**

There was SNOW way we were going to miss out on having fun in the snow on Tuesday!

It was cold out, but seeing the joy on the children’s faces as they played warmed your heart!

**ON THE SUBJECT OF SNOW……**

Snow is still in the air, in the event that it does, as always, we will do our utmost to keep school open. Should we need to **close** during the school day **we will text/e-mail/send Dojo messages** out asking you to collect your child(ren) early. *(Please ensure that all of your contact details are up to date, especially if you have changed your phone number*).

If there is a heavy snowfall during the night and we are unable to open because staff are unable to get into school safely, we will **text/e-mail/send Dojo messages** and make an announcement on local radio - ***SIGNAL RADIO 96.4 FM / SILK RADIO 106.9FM / RADIO STOKE 94.6FM.***

Please ensure that your child has a **warm, waterproof coat with them each day** for outdoor play. The children should also wear **sturdy sensible shoes** to keep feet dry and to provide a decent grip on potentially icy pathways to and from school. We also urge you all to **keep to the Gritting Plan** when on school grounds, a copy of which is on each gate. This shows you the routes around school that have been gritted and are safer to use.

**NEOLITHIC ART**

Last week Year 4 studied and examined the 7 different styles of art of the Shang Dynasty.

This week the children examined the techniques of Neolithic art.

[A child making a shape of a horseshoe

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Description automatically generated](https://blog.marlfieldsprimary.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/43545A6D-077C-406D-A63E-D20FC160DAFD-scaled.jpeg)[A group of students in a classroom

Description automatically generated](https://blog.marlfieldsprimary.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/673FDED5-8120-4673-A267-B62ED35ADA41-scaled.jpeg)During the time of the Shang the artisans would have used clay and other stone-based materials to construct their pieces. However, our class made their designs using salt dough which they were able to mould and manipulate into their chosen shapes.

The children were asked which animals held a special place to the Shang and still to this day in modern China; they were able to discuss and examine the noble and mystical dragon. Combining the two, the children then began to create their Neolithic salt dough dragons.

[A group of white clay objects on a white surface

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**SCHOOL DINNERS**

**Thank you making your choices for next week.  Ordering for that has now closed.**

**Please find below the choices for the following week.**

**We need your choices for the week beginning 29th January by the end of Monday, or very first thing on Tuesday.**

**LUNCH CHOICES**

**For w/b 29/01/2024**

**Name:                                                         Class:**

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| **Mon** | | **Tue** | | **Wed** | | **Thur** | | **Fri** | |
| Chicken & Ham  Pie | Vegetarian Cottage Pie | Tuna  Pasta  Bake | Cauliflower & Broccoli  Pasta | Roast  Beef  Dinner | Baked  Vegetable Pie | Chicken & Vegetable  Casserole | Vegetarian Tikka Masala | Fish Goujons  & Chips | Cheese & Onion Pie & Chips |
| **VEGETABLES ARE SERVED DAILY WITH ALL MEALS** | | | | | | | | | |
| Bakewell Tart | | Caramel Sundae | | Rice Pudding | | Vanilla Ice Cream | | Chocolate Chip Pudding | |

So far, the children seem to be really enjoying the food that is being served (us adults are too!). Hopefully they are giving positive reports to you at home. Let us know what they think, they may tell you more than they tell us. We will keep on trying different foods to see what the children prefer to eat before we come up with a definitive 3-week rolling menu. There are a lot more dishes for us to try.

**P.E. KITS**

Please remember to always have P.E. kits in school from Mondays, only taking them home on a Friday to be freshened up.

**OLD SPECTACLES**

Don’t forget to send in your old specs for recycling on behalf of the Congleton Lions. There is a collection box in the office.

**CURRENT HEALTH ISSUES**

**Head Lice:** We have now had cases of head lice reported, the children concerned have been treated and are now clear. Please stay vigilant and check your child’s hair regularly for any signs of live lice or their egg cases (nits).

**Sickness &** Please remember if your child has sickness and/or diarrhoea they should

**Diarrhoea** remain **off school for 48 hours** **AFTER** the last bout of vomiting or diarrhoea.

**Chicken Pox**: We have not had any recent reports, so hopefully we are finished with them.

**ABSENCE**

If your child is absent from school, please call the Office on 01260 633120 **before** 10:00am. Please **do not** send messages to the class teacher via Class Dojo solely as it is important that the office staff have this information as early as possible to avoid text messages being sent out asking why your child is not in school, when in fact they are.

**HOLIDAY DATES**

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| **HOLIDAY DATES**  **Academic Year 2023 - 2024** | | |
|  | **SCHOOL OPENS**  **FOR CHILDREN** | **SCHOOL CLOSES**  **FOR CHILDREN** |
| **Autumn 1** | **05.09.2023** | **20.10.2023** |
| **Half Term** | | |
| **Autumn 2** | **31.10.2023** | **21.12.2023** |
| **Christmas Holidays** | | |
| **Spring 1 2024** | **08.01.2024** | **16.02.2024** |
| **Half Term** | | |
| **Spring 2** | **27.02.2024** | **28.03.2024** |
| **Easter Holidays** | | |
| **Summer 1** | **15.04.2024** | **24.05.2024** |
| **Half Term** | | |
| **Summer 2** | **04.06.2024** | **23.07.2024** |
| **INSET DAYS**  **04.09.2023 30.10.2023 22.12.2023 26.02.2024 03.06.2024** | | |

**FREE GUITAR LESSON**

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| Child's Name: Year Group:  Marlfields Primary Academy  Parent Contact Name &  Mobile Number.  Email:  Allergies/Medical Conditions |

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Beginning this term, a limited number of spaces will become available for group guitar tuition for pupils at your child's school (existing students please disregard).

**KEY INFORMATION**

* Lessons are 30 minutes long and take place during the school day.
* Lessons take place on a set day of the week at each school. We will confirm prior to the lessons beginning, which day they will take place at your child's school.
* Lessons are ongoing throughout the school year.
* Each group usually contains between 3-5 students.
* Lessons are É5.95 per student, but fees are invoiced on a termly (5-7 weeks) basis.
* There is a one-off joining fee of É5.95, which covers the cost of all the resources your child will be given over the course of their tuition.
* Students can borrow an instrument for their lesson, but we advise they have their own at some point in order

to be able to practice at home. Further details about lessons can be found at [www.wecreatemusic.co.uk](http://www.wecreatemusic.co.uk)